

## Message Text

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FM AMCONSUL OPORTO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 600

INFO AMEMBASSY LISBON

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EALB, PINT

SUBJ: VISIT OF LABOR ATTACHE TO OPORTO PROVOKES PRESS AND RADIO  
ATTACK

1. EMBASSY LABOR ATTACHE AND FORMAL CONSUL IN OPORTO DALE  
POVENMIRE VISITED CITY NOV 22-26 TO ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH  
NORTHERN LABOR UNIONS. VISIT AND CALLS WERE SUBJECT OF STRONG  
ATTACKS IN TWO OF THREE OPORTO DAILIES WHICH APPEARED NOV 28  
AND WHICH WERE PICKED UP AND CARRIED BY LOCAL RADIO STATIONS  
DURING AFTERNOON AND EVENINGS NEW BROADCASTS. VISIT WAS ALSO  
DENOUNCED AT LOCAL PCP MEETING HELD EARLIER IN WEEK.

2. ARTICLES STRONGLY QUESTIONED SINCERITY AND MOTIVATION OF  
CALLS AND BY USE OF ALREADY FAMILAR LITANY OF ALLEGED U.S.  
CONSPIRATORIAL DESIGN ATTEMPT BY INUENDO AND DISTORTION OF FACT  
TO GIVE SINISTER INTERPRETATION TO VISIT AND TO "SUDDEN" U.S.  
INTERESTS IN PORTUGUESE LABOR SCENE.

3. ARTICLES CONCLUDE WITH THEME OF IMPORTANCE OF LABOR UNITY,  
AND DENOUNCIATION OF AMERICAN LABOR MOVEMENTS WHICH BY SUPPORTING  
PLURALISM SEEK "TO DIVIDE IN ORDER TO EXPLOIT".

COMMENT: SEVERITY OF ATTACK, REFLECTS PCP INTEREST IN  
CONSOLIDATING CONTROL OVER UNIFIED LABOR ORGANIZATION IN PORTUGAL,  
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AND SENSITIVITY TO ANY "INTERFERENCE" IN ACHIEVING THAT GOAL.

Oporto press version Povenmire visit will undoubtedly be used  
in days ahead by media throughout Portugal to support  
PCP line.  
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